

I want to briefly tell you about the essence of the man, his commitment to people, and leader development.

Since June 1991, General Sullivan has served as the Chief of Staff of the Army directing the Army's transformation into a power projection force, ready to defend the national interest in any corner of the world, whenever the Nation called. Throughout this period of historic change, General Sullivan provided not only the vision and energy to make the necessary changes, but also the guiding principles to keep the Army firmly focused on its fundamental purpose—fight and win the Nation's wars. He has been the epitome of responsible leadership, accomplishing tasks consistent with our Nation's values.

He is a leader who is absolutely committed to people. His personal relationship with America's Army—soldiers, civilians, families, corporate America—provide the context for his actions. He was particularly in touch with the soldier, creating a climate that allowed his subordinates to act and grow to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world environment.

Whenever and wherever soldiers deployed in support of the Nation's interests there would be Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan. He could be found at Army posts at home and abroad, in disaster relief operations in Florida and Hawaii, floods in the Midwest, fires in the Far West, and earthquakes in California, in humanitarian operations in Somalia, Rwanda, and Haiti, and greeting soldiers returning from overseas deployments.

General Sullivan himself will credit these recent successes directly to the Army's two-decade investment in leader development. The future will require no less of a commitment. The future will challenge the leaders of America's Army. They will have to operate in ambiguous, uncertain, and complex environments. The hallmark of future Army leaders will be their ability to adapt to rapidly changing situations. Through personal example and unswerving commitment, General Sullivan has touched a generation of Army leaders, influencing them to embrace leader development as one of the Army's fundamental imperatives.

General Sullivan's career has been the epitome of selfless service to our Nation and the quintessential example of all we could hope our military leaders to be. And through the decades of service and sacrifice he has been supported by a loving family. The Nation shares General Sullivan with his wife Gay, their children John, Mark, and Elizabeth, and a grandson Christopher. They, too, have served the Nation, supporting in countless ways the career of this dedicated soldier.

Throughout its great history, this country has been blessed with men and women willing to serve and sacrifice their lives for the freedoms we enjoy. One such manifestation of this spirit comes from a letter written to General Grant by General Sherman in March 1864 when General Grant took command of the Union Armies. In his letter, Sherman wrote:

Throughout the war you were always in my mind. I always knew if I were in trouble, and you were still alive, that you would come to my assistance.

That, Mr. Speaker, is what Gordon Russell Sullivan represents, what he embodies—simple words, soldiers' words—courage and loyalty. Serving the Nation and the soldiers of America's Army.

Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan—a consummate professional, a loyal servant of the Constitution, a leader of demonstrated moral and physical courage—on behalf of the Congress of the United States and the people we represent, I offer our heartfelt gratitude for your service.

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 1995

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to congratulate the AMVETS Department of Pennsylvania on their 50th anniversary. The AMVETS charter in Pennsylvania was originally founded March 25, 1945, as a support group for returning World War II veterans. The National and State charters were later amended to include the veterans of the Korean and Vietnam wars, and also those enlisted in the National Guard.

The AMVETS organization is united for the purpose of helping veterans help themselves, promoting world peace, and preserving the American way of life. To this end, AMVETS works to achieve their mission by their service and volunteerism to other veterans in need. AMVETS Department of Pennsylvania has 13,000 members in 70 posts across the Commonwealth.

As a veteran, I understand the sacrifices many have made to preserve the freedom and democracy the rest of the world craves. President Lincoln described veterans' sacrifices best during the Gettysburg Address, "the brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor

power to add or detract. The world will little note what was said here, but it can never forget what they did here." The same corollary should be held for all veterans whose selfless acts have helped others in their respective communities.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I would like to congratulate AMVETS Department of Pennsylvania on their 50th anniversary and wish them many more years of continued service to the Commonwealth.

TRIBUTE TO LT. GEN. DANIEL R. SCHROEDER

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 1995

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker today I wish to recognize a truly outstanding American, Lt. Gen. Daniel R. Schroeder, for service to his country in the Corps of Engineers of the U.S. Army. I would like to commend General Schroeder for 34 years of faithful and dedicated service to the United States.

A lifetime career in numerous Army engineer positions, his leadership has been shown throughout his career. He retires most recently serving as the deputy commander in chief of the U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army.

General Schroeder is to be applauded for his fine work during the 1988 activation of the Army Engineer Center at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. During this time, he served as the commanding general of the U.S. Army Engineer Center and Fort Leonard Wood Commandant. This center contributes and ensures the future growth and development of the Army engineer regiment.

General Schroeder's many U.S. decorations and badges include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal (with Oak Leaf cluster), Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal with V Device (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Award (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Air Medals with V Device, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Combat Infantryman Badge, and Master Parachutist Badge.

I know that the Members of this body join in sending congratulations to General Schroeder and best wishes for his retirement. The Army Corps of Engineers has been fortunate to have had General Schroeder as one of its leaders.